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H. R. 3087

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 11, 2001

Mr. EVANS (for himself, Mr. REYES, and Ms. BROWN of Florida) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Veterans’ Pension Im-
5 provement Act of 2001”.

1 **SEC. 2. ELIGIBILITY OF VETERANS 65 YEARS OF AGE OR**
2 **OLDER FOR VETERANS' PENSION BENEFITS.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—(1) Subchapter II of chapter 15
4 of title 38, United States Code, is amended by inserting
5 after section 1512 the following new section:

6 **“§ 1513. Veterans 65 years of age and older**

7 “(a) The Secretary shall pay to each veteran of a pe-
8 riod of war who is 65 years of age or older and who meets
9 the service requirements of section 1521 of this title (as
10 prescribed in subsection (j) of that section) pension at the
11 rates prescribed by 1521 of this title and under the condi-
12 tions (other than the permanent and total disability re-
13 quirement) applicable to pension paid under that section.

14 “(b) If a veteran is eligible for pension under both
15 this section and section 1521 of this title, pension shall
16 be paid to the veteran only under section 1521 of this
17 title.”.

18 (2) The table of sections at the beginning of such
19 chapter is amended by inserting after the item relating
20 to section 1512 the following new item:

“1513. Veterans 65 years of age and older.”.

21 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—(1) Section
22 1521(f)(1) of such title is amended by inserting “or the
23 age and service requirements prescribed in section 1513
24 of this title,” after “or this section,”.

- 1 (2) Section 1522(a) of such title is amended by in-
2 serting “1513 or” after “under section”.

